Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 4, 2019

The Honorable John J. Sullivan Deputy Secretary of State U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Pursuant to the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry, we write to inform you that a deposition for Ambassador William B. Taylor, Jr. is being scheduled for October 15, 2019.

This deposition will be conducted jointly by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Oversight and Reform. The deposition transcript shall be part of the impeachment inquiry and shared among the Committees. The deposition will be conducted in accordance with the House Deposition Rules.

The Committees are investigating the extent to which President Trump jeopardized national security by pressing Ukraine to interfere with our 2020 election and by withholding security assistance provided by Congress to help Ukraine counter Russian aggression.

The failure of any Department employee to appear for a deposition, including at the direction or behest of the President or the White House, shall constitute evidence of obstruction of the House's impeachment inquiry and may be used as an adverse inference against the President.

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If you have any questions, please contact staff for the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence at (202) 225-7690.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Michael McCaul, Ranking Member House Committee on Foreign Affairs

> The Honorable Devin Nunes, Ranking Member House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member House Committee on Oversight and Reform